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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: the application of

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Serial No. : 09/597,320

Examiner: Randall Chin

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Art Unit: 1744

Title: PAINT EDGER WITH IMPROVED
PAD AND PRECISION
POSITIONING ADJUSTMENT

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RESPONSE

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In response to the Official Action of April 14, 2003.

The applicant strongly disagrees with the groups of claims and figures
chosen by the Examiner. FIGS. 11-18 inclusive, are already covered by two
issued U.S. Patents.


FIG. 8 shows the patent applicator as sold commercially, i.e., with a package containing the applicator and a tray with a foam element in the package.

FIGS. 1-7 and 10 are said by the Examiner to be different from FIGS. 9-9A. FIG. 4 shows the paint wells and FIGS. 9-9A show a 2-element paint pad, which of course could easily have the features of Claim 4. FIGS. 3 and 4 show that they (the wells) are an optional feature of the pad. The same could be said for FIGS. 9 and 9A.

Nevertheless, the applicant selects (with traverse) the claims readable on FIG. 9. These are claims 4, 5, 6, and 7. These claims are believed allowable. Additional dependent claims will be added in due course.

Again, applicant traverses the requirement for restriction.

Respectfully submitted,



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